OPINION 1517

Viverravus gracilis Marsh, 1872 (Mammalia, Carnivora): generic and specific names conserved

Ruling

(1) Under the plenary powers the generic name *Triacodon* Marsh, 1871 and the specific name *fallax* Marsh, 1871, as published in the binomen *Triacodon fallax*, are hereby suppressed for the purposes of the Principle of Priority but not for those of the Principle of Homonymy.

(2) The name *Viverravus* Marsh, 1872 (gender: masculine), type species by monotypy *Viverravus gracilis* Marsh, 1872, is hereby placed on on the Official List of Generic Names in Zoology.

(3) The name *gracilis* Marsh, 1872, as published in the binomen *Viverravus gracilis* (specific name of the type species of *Viverravus* Marsh, 1872), is hereby placed on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology.

(4) The name *Triacodon* Marsh, 1871, as suppressed in (1) above, is hereby placed on the Official Index of Rejected and Invalid Generic Names in Zoology.

(5) The name *fallax* Marsh, 1871, as published in the binomen *Triacodon fallax* and as suppressed in (1) above, is hereby placed on the Official Index of Rejected and Invalid Specific Names in Zoology.

History of Case 1594

An application for the suppression of *Triacodon* Marsh, 1871 was received from Dr L. Van Valen (*University of Chicago, Illinois, U.S.A.*) on 31 January 1963. Due to pending amendments to the Code, this case was held in abeyance. A further application for the conservation of *Viverravus gracilis* Marsh, 1872 was received from Dr R. M. Schoch (*College of Basic Studies, Boston University, Massachusetts, U.S.A.*) on 12 September 1982. After correspondence the case was published in BZN **44**: 7–8 (March 1987). Notice of the case was sent to appropriate journals. Supportive comments were received from three members of the Committee on Mammal Names of the International Theriological Congress (Drs S. B. George, D. Kock and J. Meester).

Decision of the Commission

On 1 March 1988 the members of the Commission were invited to vote on the proposals published in BZN **44**: 7–8. At the close of the voting period on 1 June 1988 the votes were as follows:

Affirmative votes — 21: Alvarado, Bayer, Cocks, Cogger, Corliss, Dupuis, Hahn, Halvorsen, Heppell, Kabata, Kraus, Lehtinen, Melville, Mroczkowski, Ride, Savage, Schuster, Starobogatov, Thompson, Uéno, Willink

Negative votes — 1: Holthuis.

No votes were returned by Bernardi, Gruchy and Trjapitzin.

Original references

The following are the original references to the names placed on Official Lists and Official Indexes by the ruling given in the present Opinion:

fallax, Triacodon, Marsh, 1871, *American Journal of Science*, (3)**2**: 123.
gracilis, Viverravus, Marsh, 1872, *American Journal of Science*, (3)**4**: 127.
Triacodon Marsh, 1871, *American Journal of Science*, (3)**2**: 123.
Viverravus Marsh, 1872, *American Journal of Science*, (3)**4**: 127.